

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Status of Claims:

No claims are currently being canceled.

Claims 1 and 2 are currently being amended.

Claims 24 and 25 are currently being added.

This amendment amends and adds claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-7, 18-21 and 23-25 are pending in this application.

Claim Rejections – Prior Art:

In the Office Action, claims 1-4, 6, 18 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0002688A1 to Gregg et al.; and claims 5, 17, 19 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gregg et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,707,889 to Saylor. These rejections are traversed with respect to the presently pending claims under rejection, for at least the reasons given below.

On page 9 of the Office Action, in the “Response to Arguments” section of the Office Action, it asserts that “the first access stored in the access history is actually the ‘session ID and the key of the active session’ (Para 0097-0099). Each session has a preset time limit and based on the time duration of the session, the session validator will determine whether the first access stored (session ID) is still valid or not (Para 0098).”

Presently pending independent claims 1 and 2 have each been amended to recite that the portable terminal is granted use of the contents service by way of a plurality of different sessions with said contents server within the predetermined effective time, even when a

disconnect period or periods exists between an operative time of any two the plurality of different sessions that are closest in operative time to each other. In other words, unlike the system of Gregg et al., which checks to see if a current session in use is still valid, the presently claimed invention allows a user to have consecutive sessions, whereby those sessions are typically separated by a non-connection time, and whereby a user is still allowed access to a contents server as long as those consecutive sessions are all within the predetermined time period.

Gregg et al., on the other hand, does not allow the above situation to happen, since once a current session is disconnected, the user has to go through a new validation procedure for a new session request to a contents server.

Accordingly, since Saylor et al. does not rectify the above-mentioned shortcomings of Gregg et al., presently pending independent claims 1 and 2 are patentable over the cited art of record.

The presently pending dependent claims under rejection are patentable due to their dependence on either claim 1 or claim 2, as well as for the specific features recited in those dependent claims.

New Claims:

New claims 24 and 25 have been added to recite a feature described on page 36 of the specification, in which contents data is converted by the contents server to a format optimal for the portable terminal. Such features are believed to provide a separate basis for patentability of these claims, beyond those given above with respect to their respective base claim.

Conclusion:

Since all of the issues raised in the Office Action have been addressed in this Amendment and Reply, Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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